

2008 SC Radon Poster Contest

The Department of Health and Environmental Control is sponsoring its first statewide radon poster contest. We are encouraging you to help children spread an important public health message by participating in this contest.

Radon

Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas. It is a naturally occurring, radioactive gas that forms when uranium breaks down in rocks and soil. Radon gas moves through the ground to the surface, and can enter homes and buildings. There is no way to know the radon level unless it is tested. Testing for radon is important because radon is the leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers.

The Contest and Prizes:

The S.C. poster contest will have three winners chosen by a judging panel. First place will receive a \$100 savings bond, second place will receive a \$75 savings bond, and third place will receive a \$50 savings bond. A ceremony will be held in Columbia to honor the winners.

All winners will be entered into the National Radon Poster Contest sponsored by the National Safety Council and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The winning national poster will be unveiled at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., in January 2008. The national winner, a parent, and teacher (or sponsoring organization's representative) will win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to participate in the ceremony. The national winning poster will be reproduced and distributed nationally.

Eligibility:

Children **ages 9-14**, enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, Department of Defense, or home school, or through a sponsoring club (such as an art, computer, or science club, scouting organization, or 4-H club) are eligible.

Poster Topics:

One of the following radon topics must be depicted in the artwork:

1. What is radon?
2. Where does radon come from?
3. How does radon get into our homes?
4. Health effects of radon
5. Radon test being performed

Artwork Requirements:

- ⓐ Artwork must be original.
- ⓐ Student's name **must not** be on the front of the artwork.
- ⓐ Posters should have a title on the front.
- ⓐ The topic and title must be on the Artwork Submission and Release Form.
- ⓐ Entries should be on white paper. There is no size limitation.
- ⓐ Materials may include crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, tempera, acrylic), collage, photographs, or computer graphics.
- ⓐ Lettering and message should be large enough to reproduce well. No copyrighted characters (such as Snoopy), product logos or trademarks, or brand names can be used.

Judging Criteria:

- ⓐ Content accuracy
- ⓐ Visual communication of topic
- ⓐ Reproducibility
- ⓐ Originality

Entry Submission:

- ⓐ Entries will not be accepted after October 15, 2007.
- ⓐ Only one entry may be submitted per child.
- ⓐ The Artwork Submission and Release Form must be completed and legible, signed by a parent or guardian, and submitted with the poster (preferably taped to the back of the poster).
- ⓐ The Artwork Submission and Release Form is available at www.nsc.org/issues/radon.
- ⓐ The poster entry and Artwork Submission and Release Form must be **received no later than** October 15, 2007. Submit all entries to: S.C. Radon Poster Contest, S.C. DHEC, 301 University Ridge, Ste. 5800, Greenville, S.C. 29601.

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